

25. Cohomology Operations in Iterated Loop Spaces

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1. Introduction. In [3], Dyer and Lashof have determined the mod p homology structure of iterated loop spaces by use of extended p -th power operations, where p always denotes a prime. This operation is a generalization of H -squaring (for $p=2$) defined by Araki-Kudo [2], and operates on mod p homology group of H_p^∞ -spaces X , especially iterated loop spaces. Let $Q_{(p)}^{(i)}: H_n(X; Z_p) \rightarrow H_{n+p+i}(X; Z_p)$ be Dyer-Lashof's extended powers. For odd p , we denote operations $Q_{(p)}^j: H_n(X; Z_p) \rightarrow H_{n+2j(p-1)}(X; Z_p)$, $j=0, 1, \dots$, by $Q_{(p)}^j x = (-1)^{i+m(n^2+n)/2} (m!)^n Q_{(2j-n)(p-1)}^{(p)} x$, $x \in H_n(X; Z_p)$, $m = (p-1)/2$, and for $p=2$, $Q_{(2)}^j: H_n(X; Z_2) \rightarrow H_{n+j}(X; Z_2)$ by $Q_{(2)}^j x = Q_{j-n}^{(2)} x$.

The operation $Q_{(p)}^j$ has the following properties: 1. $Q_{(p)}^j$ is a homomorphism; 2. For odd p , $Q_{(p)}^j x = 0$ if $\deg x > 2j$ and $Q_{(p)}^j x = x^p$ if $\deg x = 2j$, and for $p=2$, $Q_{(2)}^j x = 0$ if $\deg x > j$ and $Q_{(2)}^j x = x^2$ if $\deg x = j$; 3. $Q_{(p)}^j(x \cdot y) = \sum_{k+l=j} Q_{(p)}^k x \cdot Q_{(p)}^l y$; 4. $Q_{(p)}^j$ commutes with the suspension homomorphism σ associated with the fibering of the contractible total space, $\sigma Q_{(p)}^j = Q_{(p)}^j \sigma$.

Our purpose is to determine the relation between $Q_{(p)}^j$ and the Steenrod reduced power operations ρ^n (squaring operations Sq^n for $p=2$). To state the results, we denote by ρ_*^n the dual operation of ρ^n , i.e., defined by

$$\langle \rho_*^n x, y \rangle = \langle x, \rho^n y \rangle \text{ for } x \in H_*(X; Z_p), y \in H^*(X; Z_p).$$

Let $\binom{a}{b}$ be the binomial coefficient with the following conventions: $\binom{a}{b} = 0$ for a or $b < 0$ and $\binom{a}{b} = 1$ for $b=0, a \geq 0$. Δ denotes the homology Bockstein operation. Then we have

Main theorem. For odd p ,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_*^n Q_{(p)}^{n+s} &= \sum_i (-1)^{n+i} \binom{s(p-1)}{n-pi} Q_{(p)}^{s+i} \rho_*^i, \\ \rho_*^n \Delta Q_{(p)}^{n+s} &= \sum_i (-1)^{n+i} \binom{s(p-1)-1}{n-pi} \Delta Q_{(p)}^{s+i} \rho_*^i \\ &\quad + \sum_i (-1)^{n+i+1} \binom{s(p-1)-1}{n-pi-1} Q_{(p)}^{s+i} \rho_*^i \Delta, \end{aligned}$$

and for $p=2$

$$Sq_*^n Q_{(2)}^{n+s} = \sum_i \binom{s}{n-2i} Q_{(2)}^{s+i} Sq_*^i.$$